

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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URBAN EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mid-term appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan has indicated the situation of urban employment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any new urban employment schemes or modify the existing schemes in the light of the appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan so that more employment opportunities can be generated;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of urban micro enterprises in structure;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and
- (g) the details of efforts being made by the Government for creating more employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARISELJA)

(a)&(b): In the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, in Chapter-8 on Labour & Employment, there is no separate discussion on situation of urban employment. Only overall employment situation has been discussed. The employment in the country is estimated to have increased from 344.68 million in 2001-2002 to 362.64 million in 2004-2005 on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis.

(c)&(d): The Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing the employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under - employed poor. In the course of the implementation of the scheme certain bottle-necks have been observed. Taking into consideration the suggestions of the States/UTs and other stakeholders and in order to make the scheme more effective, Government is of the view that some modifications are required in the existing guidelines of SJSRY scheme.

(e)&(f): Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has not conducted any such evaluation on the performance of urban micro-enterprises in structure.

(g): For creating an employment potential the Tenth Five Year Plan has identified the labour intensive sector and sub-sectors for development : agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, construction, tourism, information & technology, financial sector, education & health.

Under SJSRY, in Urban areas, targets of setting-up of 4 lakhs micro-enterprises and skill upgradation/training to 5 lakhs urban poor have been fixed for the Tenth Plan period (2002-2007).